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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: SOPN, TQ

SUBJECT: US PRESS RELEASE

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THE CONCEPT OF FREE ASSOCIATION WAS EXPLORED IN A CONSTRUCTIVE FASHION DURING SEVERAL SESSIONS. THE SUBJECT OF U.S.-MICRONESIAN DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS WAS ALSO CONSIDERED.

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